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To: California's Emergency Management and First Responder Community

Subject: Utilization of Homeland Security Grant Funds for Hazardous Materials and Weapons of Mass Destruction Responder Training

The Governor's Office of Emergency Service is pleased to announce that Operational Areas (OA's) and Urban Area Security Initiative Cities (UASI) may use their Homeland Security Grant Funds to attend courses offered by the Hazardous Materials Section at the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI).

CSTI offers the following certified courses:

- WMD First Responder Awareness/Operations
- WMD Incident Commander
- WMD/Haz Mat Operations Level for Law Enforcement
- First Responder Operations and Decon for Healthcare
- Haz Mat Technician/Specialists

All courses are State certified under California Government Code §8574.19-8574.23 and Title 19 California Code of Regulations §2510-2560. Many of the courses may be offered in a Train-the-Trainer format and subsequently taught at your location.

For information regarding CSTI Haz Mat and WMD responder courses please contact:

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For additional information regarding Homeland Security training grants please access the following link (www.calguard.ca.gov/cajs-hs/training_homepage.htm).

The Office of Emergency Services looks forward to serving the response community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry R. Renteria".

HENRY R. RENTERIA
Director